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[1](#)1. (SBU) Poloff raised with MFA Director General for Human Rights Silvia Fernandez ref A points on the USG's return to the UN Human Rights Council. Fernandez welcomed the news and joked "Now you can suffer with the rest of us." She suggested using her upcoming March 23 meeting in Washington with DRL Acting Assistant Secretary Stewart to share perspectives on the Council's progress (or lack thereof). She noted that Argentina plans to introduce at the UNHRC a resolution on the Right to Truth and Forensic Genetics and would appreciate USG feedback and support on the text. She promised to forward revised text of the resolution to the Embassy, which we will e-mail to IO and DRL separately.

[1](#)2. (SBU) Poloff also relayed ref A points on our decision not to participate in the April Durban review conference if it is based on the current draft of the outcome document. Director General Fernandez expressed disappointment that the USG would not participate in further negotiations. She reiterated that Argentina shares our concerns with the outcome document (ref B), and said that it was her understanding that the controversial issues of Israel, the Middle East conflict, defamation of religion and slavery reparations were not discussed in the latest round of negotiations. The only topic discussed was immigration issues, she said. Fernandez added that the Russian chair of the intergovernmental working group promised to produce a new text that takes into consideration concerns expressed in previous negotiations. "We will have to wait and see how much he took on board," Fernandez said. While she expressed hope that the revised text would be acceptable, she feared that the international community would reject the "legitimacy" of the document "even if the text is cleaned up."
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